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GET OUT
OF BLÜDHAVEN,
BATMAN.

NOW.

GOTHAM CITY IS SUFFERING THROUGH
A VIRAL OUTBREAK OF DESTRUCTIVE
BEHAVIOR, SPARKED BY A VARIANT OF
SCARECROW'S FEAR GAS.



WHY ARE YOU EVEN HERE?!

I GO WHEREVER THE MISSION TAKES ME. YOU KNOW THIS, NIGHTWING.



WHILE TRACKING A SHIPMENT OF THE GAS, ROBIN AND I SPOTTED A BREAK-IN.

THE MISSION, THE MISSION. ALWAYS THE MISSION.



WHFFF

I TOOK NIGHTWING IN AS A CHILD. AFTER CRIME TOOK HIS PARENTS' LIVES.

DO WHAT THE BATMAN SAYS AND NEVER, EVER QUESTION.

DEFINITELY DON'T POINT OUT HIS BLIND SPOTS! NEVER MENTION DIFFERENT WAYS TO ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION!

KLANK



AND IF YOU DO, HE'LL PUSH YOU AWAY AND SAY IT'S YOUR FAULT.

AS HE GREW UP, HE STARTED GETTING HIS



COULDN'T
LEAVE IT AT
TELLING ME I
WASN'T GOOD
ENOUGH,
BATMAN?!

YOU HAVE TO
COME *HERE* TO
REMINDE ME?

THAT'S
ENOUGH!



NO, IT'S
NOT.

KIK

KRANCH



ENOUGH
IS WHEN YOU
LEAVE.

HE KEPT THINGS FROM ME.
WENT OFF ON HIS OWN. I
WOULDN'T TOLERATE
INSUBORDINATION AND
HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO
CUT HIM LOOSE.



BLÜDHAVEN
IS *MY* CITY...

TK

TK



...AND I
KNOW IT
BETTER
THAN
YOU.



YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHAT'S
HAPPENING
DOWN THERE,
DO YOU?



UH, I HATE TO
INTERRUPT, BUT
THERE'S MOVEMENT
ON THE SECOND
FLOOR. SHOULD WE
DO SOMETH--



NO!



EVEN
IF THERE'S
SOMEONE ELSE
APPROACHING
THE BUILDING YOU
ARE CURRENTLY
SQUABBLING
ON?



DAMMIT,
HE'S NOT
SUPPOSED TO
BE HERE...







"...BUT LET'S GET YOU SOMEWHERE SAFE FIRST."

GOTHAM, 1847.

LADIES, IN LIGHT OF YOUR...*UNIQUE* RELATIONSHIP, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT YOU MAY BOTH SPEAK FREELY HERE.

MS. FOXWORTHY, HOW IS IT THAT YOU ATTAINED YOUR MANUMISSION?

I LEARNED CERTAIN SECRETS ON THE PLANTATION, MR. BRINDLEY. THEIR REVELATION WOULD'VE PROVED RUINOUS FOR THE OWNERS. THAT PERSUADED THEM TO ISSUE MY PAPERS.

SPEAKING OF VIVIAN'S PAPERS, WHEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO GET THEM NOTARIZED, JONATHAN?

WELL, MISS DAUPHIN, IT SEEMS AS IF THE NOTARY HAS JOINED THE RANKS OF BUSINESSES SHUTTERING BECAUSE OF THIS WAVE OF *ILLNESS*.

AND THE UNFORTUNATE SOULS TAKEN BY THE TYPHOID CAN'T EVEN FIND PEACE IN DEATH.

SAYS HERE THAT SOME OF THE BEREAVED HAVE FOUND GRAVES DUG UP AND THEIR LOVED ONES' BODIES *MISSING*.

IT'S NO SECRET THAT MEDICAL SCHOOLS WILL ABSCOND WITH OUR BODIES FOR DISSECTION AND STUDY.

THIS GETS EVEN STRANGER. SOME OF THE LABORERS' RELATIONS SAY THEIR FAMILY *MEMBERS* ARE GOING MISSING, DESPITE BEING *HEALTHY*.



"...NOT EVERYONE GETS TO
SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER."

BLÜDHAVEN. PRESENT DAY.

YOU GUYS
WAITED FOR ME
BEFORE BUSTING
HEADS? GEE, I'M
FLATTERED.

SEEMED
ONLY RIGHT.
IT'S *YOUR*
CITY, AFTER
ALL.

BATGIRL'S
NEVER GOING
TO BELIEVE ANY
OF THIS.

OKAY, SO, WHY
ARE SCARECROW'S
THUGS HERE IN
BLÜDHAVEN?

CRANE'S GAS IS
LIKELY BEING USED
IN A NEW TOXIN THAT
ACTS TOPICALLY. HIS
GOONS ARE MAKING
SOME KIND OF
EXCHANGE.

DUDE, IT'S
CAUSING THIS WILD
FOMO PANIC!
PEOPLE WERE FIGHTING
OVER DESIGNER
SNEAKERS AND
GRAPHICS CARDS!

NEW TOYS,
ROBIN?

NANO-PARTICULATE
AEROSOL FILTER. THE
TOXIN VARIANT'S SECOND
STAGE MUTATES TO
GO AIRBORNE.

THESE EARPICES BASICALLY
WORK LIKE INVISIBLE GAS MASKS.
BEEN WORKING ON THEM FOR A WHILE.
SOME VICTIMS HAVE DIED AFTER
EXPOSURE, SO BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY.

EVEN WITH
EVERYTHING
THAT'S HAPPENED,
IT'S GOOD TO SEE
YOU GUYS...

...EVEN
YOU,
BATMAN.



LET'S NOT
WASTE ANY
MORE TIME.



"...BACK IN
GOTHAM."

AND YOU'RE
SURE ABOUT THE TEST
RESULTS, JADA?

WE'VE RUN IT
OVER AND OVER,
BATGIRL. THEIR ABERRANT
BEHAVIORS HAVE MANY
SIMILARITIES, BUT...

...THE BLOOD WORK FROM PEOPLE WHO
WERE DIRECTLY EXPOSED TO TOPICAL FEAR
TOXIN DOESN'T MATCH THE TESTS FROM
GOLDEN IRIS VIRUS VICTIMS.

UGH, GOLDEN
IRIS VIRUS?
ARE WE REALLY
CALLING IT
THAT?

I'M SURE
SOME TV NEWS
PRODUCER AT
WGBS THINKS
THEY'RE SO
CLEVER.

WE'RE DOING
CONTACT TRACING
AND THE LATEST VIRUS
PATIENTS NEVER EVEN
TOUCHED THE FEAR
TOXIN.

I'VE TREATED
SCARECROW VICTIMS
BEFORE AND NONE OF
THE TYPICAL MARKERS
OF FEAR GAS EXPOSURE
ARE SHOWING UP IN
THEIR BLOOD.

REALLY
APPRECIATE YOU
COMING OUT OF
RETIREMENT,
LESLIE.

WE'VE NEVER
SEEN ANYTHING LIKE
THIS. I CAN'T JUST
SIT ON THE COUCH

TWO TOTALLY
UNRELATED
CATALYSTS MAKING
PEOPLE **ACT** ON
DEEPLY BURIED
IMPULSES...



DON'T BELIEVE THEIR LIES! THIS IS JUST ANOTHER WAY FOR THEM TO TAKE OUR LIVES! FOLKS WHO DRINK *THAT WATER* ARE NOT SEEN AGAIN!



THEY TELL YOU IT MAKES YOU HEALTHY AND STRONG! ASK THE FAMILIES OF LABORERS IN THE FACTORIES! THEIR HEARTS ARE FORFEIT NOW! LIKE MINE!



HA, WELL, SEEMS LIKE THIS POOR GENTLEMAN HAS OVERINDULGED IN A MORE *INEBRIATING* VARIETY OF LIQUID. BEST TO SLEEP IT OFF, BOYO!



THAT POOR MAN...

...ALL THIS COMMOTION HAS MADE ME QUITE PARCHED.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD WAIT BEFORE DRINKING THAT.

REALLY, PORTIA? NOT LIKE YOU TO BE SUPERSTITIOUS. SURELY, THE STRAINS OF LIVING IN THIS PLACE HAVE ADDLED HIS MIND.



THERE WAS A GRIEF THAT RANG TRUE IN HIS WORDS. BESIDES, YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO...

"...WE'RE DEEP IN **WORST-CASE SCENARIO** TERRITORY NOW."

COUPLE NIGHTS IN HERE SHOULD TEACH YOU NOT TO TRY AND RUIN THE LIVES OF HONEST WORKING FOLK!

GOTHAM JAILHOUSE, 1847.

BUT I AM BEING HONEST. **GABRIEL** KNOWS **ABRAHAM** NEVER LIES.

TELL **ME** YOUR TRUTH THEN, **ABRAHAM**.



WHO ARE YOU?!

SOMEONE WHO HAS ESCAPED THEIR CHAINS AND WISHES TO HELP OTHERS DO THE SAME.

THE CONSTABLES PUT ME IN HERE FOR PUBLIC DISTURBANCE. IT'S THEIR BOSSES WHO ARE DISTURBING THE PUBLIC! OH, **GABRIEL**, WHERE **ARE** YOU?

AND **GABRIEL** WOULD BE?

HE'S MY BROTHER. WORKED IN THE COAL MINES FOR YEARS, SENT FOR ME TO JOIN HIM UP HERE.

WAS HE THE ONE WHO DRANK THAT WATER? THE ONE WHO DISAPPEARED?

"YOU HEARD ME! YOU BELIEVE ME! HE DID DRINK IT, DAY AND NIGHT FOR MONTHS. SAID THE FOREMEN WANTED HIM GOOD AND STRONG.

"YESTERDAY MORNING, GABRIEL NEVER CAME BACK FROM HIS SHIFT. WHEN I GOT HOME FROM THE STEEL MILL, HE STILL WASN'T HOME.

NO ONE'S SEEN HIM AND I KNOW IT'S GOT TO DO WITH THAT WATER. I TRIED SOME. DOESN'T TASTE RIGHT. DOESN'T **FEEL** RIGHT.

I HATE SEEING PEOPLE'S FREEDOM TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM. SO I'LL HELP YOU.

BUT WE NEED TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE FIRST.





THAT NIGHT.

GABRIEL'S BROTHER, EH? I CAN SEE THE RESEMBLANCE. WE, UH, SENT FOLKS TO YOUR HOME LOOKING FOR NEXT OF KIN TODAY...

I WAS WORKING AT THE MILL. PLEASE, SIR, WHAT'S HAPPENED?! WHERE'S GABRIEL?!

I'M SORRY, SON...

"...HE SUCCUMBED TO SOMETHIN' LAST NIGHT. MIGHT'VE BEEN THE METHANE GAS. WE COULDN'T GET HIM TO WAKE UP."

NO... GABRIEL. WE WERE THE ONLY KIN WE HAD LEFT.



WHERE IS HE? I NEED TO SEE HIM!

THEY COULDN'T FIND YOU, SO I RECKON HIS BODY GOT TAKEN DOWN TO THE...

POTTER'S FIELD. LATER.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THEY PUT YOU, GABRIEL. HOW AM I GOING TO FIND--

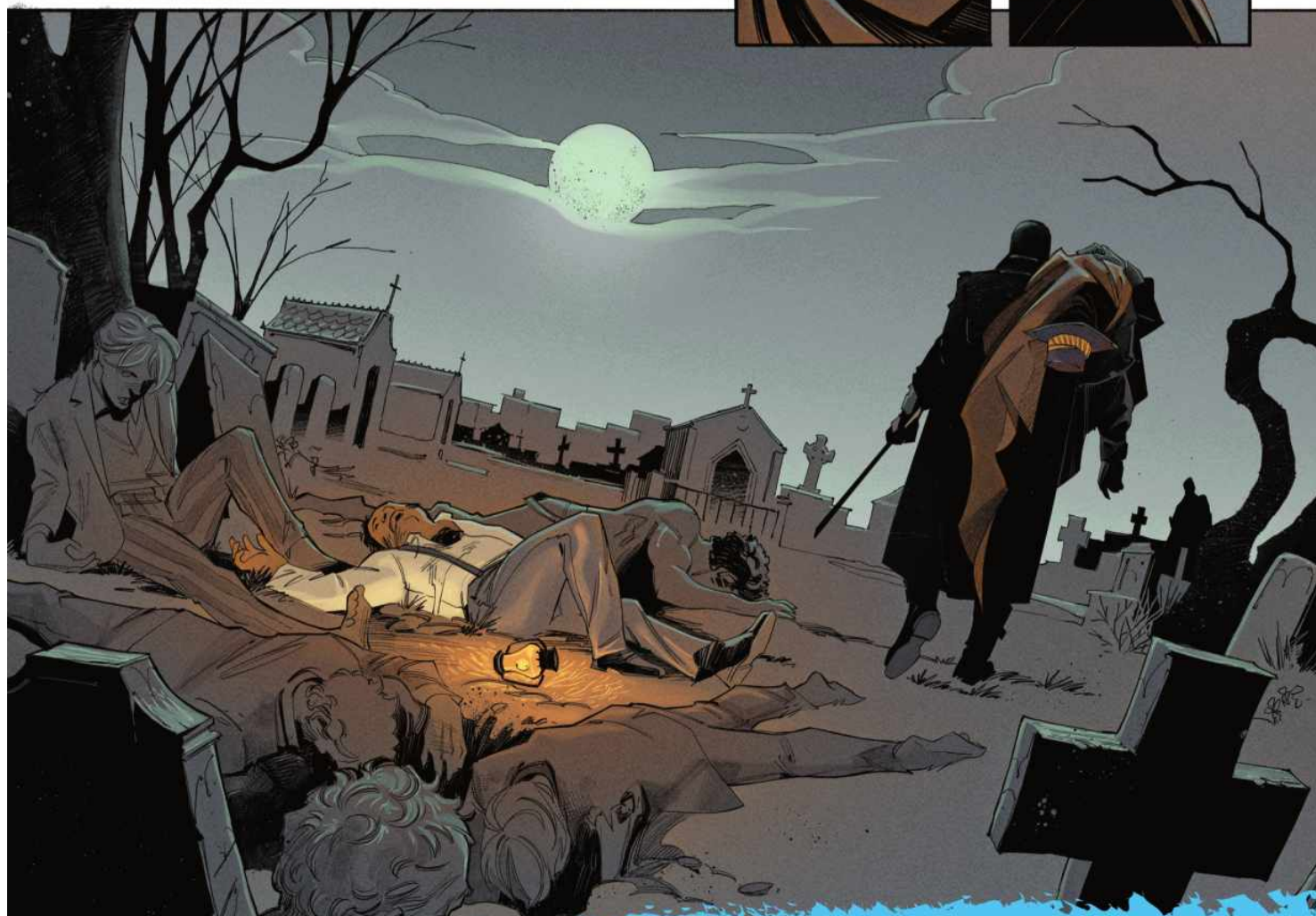
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NO, NO... IT CAN'T BE!



SOMEONE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS HORROR. WE NEED TO FIND THEM AND--





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NUBIA & THE JUSTICE LEAGUE SPECIAL #1 (2022)

In this one-shot by writers Becky Cloonan, Michael W. Conrad, and Stephanie Williams and artists Amancay Nahuelpan and Alitha Martinez, the Amazons' most powerful warrior saves the day alongside the world's greatest heroes!



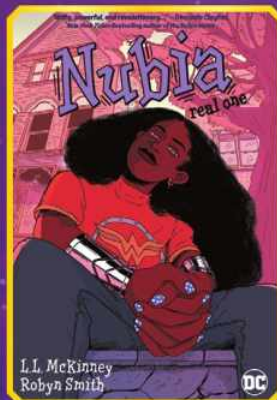
WONDER WOMAN #204 (1972)

Robert Kanigher, Don Heck, and Dick Giordano introduce Nubia as an armored warrior on Themyscira fighting an amnesiac Wonder Woman—but when Nubia is unable to deliver the killing blow, both sense a strong bond between them (as they're soon revealed as long-separated twins). P.S., don't miss the *Wonder Woman #204 Facsimile Edition*, in comics shops in November!



WONDER WOMAN #154 (2000)

Following a 20-year absence from comics, Nubia returned in 2000—except this time reimagined as Nu'bia, the guardian of Doom's Doorway. In the two-part story "Three Hearts" by Doselle Young and John McCrea, she teams with Diana to hunt the demon Ahriman.



NUBIA: REAL ONE (2021)

Author L.L. McKinney and artist Robyn Smith team for this young adult graphic novel that reinvents the character for a newer audience, as a teenager in modern-day America. In this award-winning story, Nubia risks it all to become the hero society tells her she isn't.



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"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

